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The District Commissioners are to be congratulated upon the prospect of an early removal from their present dingy, dirty and altogether unsatisfactory quarters to a more salubrious and convenient location. The Webster law building, which will probably be selected for the new offices, is better adapted to the purpose than any yet suggested, although it will require considerable reconstruction for the proper accommodation of the Commissioners and their official associates. It is near to the Police Department, the Health office and all the courts, is easily accessible to the public, has a fine southern exposure, and will "fill the bill" excellently until the District can build buildings of its own.

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GENERAL AND CRITICAL.

"David," remarked the President this morning, as he sat at his desk, absentmindedly nibbling toes on his blotting pad.

"Yes, sir?" responded Daniel.

"Have you noticed by the papers that we are to have 'Jun, the Peasant,' in town soon?"

"Yes, sir?"

"Well, some one told me he had seen it announced, but I haven't seen anything of it. What do you suppose he is coming here for, Daniel?"

"He isn't?" asked Daniel, with a puzzled look.

"Of course, Daniel. You wouldn't refer to Jun Blaine as 'she,' would you?" replied the President, sharply.

"Certainly not, sir. But what has Mr. Blaine got to with it?"

"That's what I want to know, Daniel."

"Sir, sir, sir! Jun, the Peasant," is a play they are going to give for the benefit of the Actor Fund, and Mr. Blaine has absolutely nothing to do with it."

"A play, Daniel? A play?" and the President pressed his hands over his temples.

"Yes, sir?"

"Well, why in thunder don't they give it another name, so a busy man can tell the difference between politics and the drama?"

When a country paper appears in a new dress it is the editor's wife who does not notice it.

"I'm laying for that fellow, and will get him yet," said an angry Washington man to his Boston wife.

"You should say 'laying for him,'" corrected his wife. "You should say 'lying for him.'"

"I should say nothing to the sort, my dear," said his wife, "but I lay him down in my lawyer," he replied, and the tally went in confusion.

Mr. Parker, from 5 to 6, I cannot now tell you, was away to Washington. We did not speak at all last night.

—Jefferson Davis.

And this Spring?

If this weather keeps up much longer there won't be anything left for the ground to do but to get into politics or the law."

"Mamma," calls a little girl to day, "what kind of a fool is my mother?"

"Really, my child," replied the sunned mother, "I can't tell you. I never heard such a word before. Where did you ever hear it?"

"At school to-day, mamma. The teacher said spring was snobber."

The mother caught on.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

The Pope Emphatically Endorses the Plan Laid Before Him.

A cable special from Rome to the *Hartford Times* of to-day says:

As anticipated, the Pope to-day approved the plan of the new Catholic university which is to be located in Washington. By his instruction the secretary of the Propagation of the Faith, who is in charge of the project, and the cardinal, and others, including the Pope, are to go ahead, or to proceed with the construction of the building, and places to the judgment of the bishops, and places to the pope's disposal, and the Pope's signature is to be given to the documents after Thursday's consistory, and the glory of the church in America."

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